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FY2004 Budget Resolution Conference Report: Investing in DEFENSE AND HOMELAND SECURITY

War on Terrorism. The Budget provides a \$400.5 billion defense budget for 2004 that will enable our military to continue waging an aggressive and global war on terrorism. The Budget assumes the amount the President requested for a supplemental spending bill for the war in Iraq.

Homeland Security. The Budget provides the full amount of the President's request for homeland security spending to secure the nation's borders, train and equip first responders, protect critical infrastructure, guard against bio-terrorism, and improve intelligence analysis and coordination. Discretionary funding for the new Department of Homeland Security would grow from \$21.3 billion in 2003 to \$27.1 billion in 2004, an increase of 27.5 percent. Highlights follow:

Border and Transportation Security. The Budget provides for enforcing laws regarding admission of foreign-born persons into the United States (\$809 million increase); enforcement of immigration and customs laws within the United States, as well as security at federal buildings (\$316 million increase); Transportation Security Administration; Office of Domestic Preparedness, including training and equipment for firefighters, emergency medical services, and law enforcement personnel (\$2.5 billion increase).

United States Coast Guard. The Budget provides \$5.6 billion - a 9.7 percent increase from 2003.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Division. The Budget provides \$4.2 billion for this Division, which is focused on helping the nation to prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from major domestic disasters. The efforts of this Division represent the first attempt of the federal government to fully coordinate its approach to disaster management.

Other Spending. The Budget also includes \$9.6 billion in discretionary spending for nondefense homeland security activities in agencies outside the Department of Homeland Security, including \$4 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, \$2 billion for the Department of Justice and \$1 billion for the Department of Energy.

Bioshield. The Budget provides a reserve fund for up to \$5.75 billion over 10 years for legislation that facilitates procurement of countermeasures necessary to protect the public health from current and emerging threats of chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear agents.